

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Address: _____
 Town: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Essay Title: _____
 Essay Submission Date: _____

Essay Submission Process

1. Essay Topic and Charge
 - a. **Topic:** Black Lives Matter
 - b. **Charge:**
"The statement Black Lives Matter has become politicized in our country. In 1000 words or fewer, describe your own understanding of the statement. Consider why conversations about race are often so emotionally charged. Given that reality, what suggestions do you have for building both equity and equality in our schools, community and country?"
2. Submit the following together as a complete package:
 - a. Completed application with signatures of student and parent/guardian.
 - b. An essay according to the "Essay Topic and Charge" stated above.
 - Essay should
 - be double-spaced
 - with title in the header of each page
 - along with author's name, page number and submission date in the footer
3. Mail the package to
 TEAM Westport Essay Contest
 c/o Human Services Department
 Westport Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport CT 06880 [Postmark deadline is **February 26, 2021**]
 OR
 Scan completed application and email package to info@teamwestport.org.. [Email receipt deadline is **February 26, 2021**]

All applicants must be grade 9-12 students who are Westport residents or attend a Westport school (public or private).

1. All submissions become the property of TEAM Westport and the Town of Westport, CT.
2. The applicant **and** parent/guardian certify that the essay being submitted is exclusively the work of the applicant.
3. If the applicant's essay is chosen for one of the prizes the applicant and parent/guardian agree that they will make themselves available for photographs and/or videos and such photos and/or videos as well as the essay may be used for publicity including media distribution by TEAM Westport, the Westport Library and the Town of Westport.
4. The awards ceremony for this contest will take place on April 5, 2021 at the Westport Library (subject to COVID restrictions). All winners will be contacted prior to the event.

Signatures

By signing below, the applicant and their parent/guardian certify their agreement to the above terms, as well as to the validity of the information submitted.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Pls Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Forward any questions to info@teamwestport.org (Rev. 1-26-2021)